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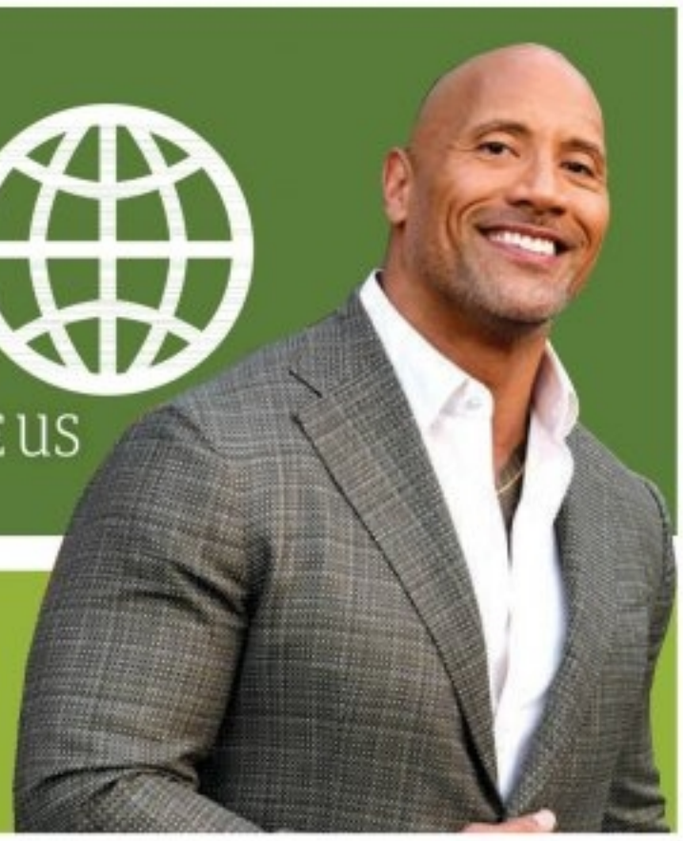

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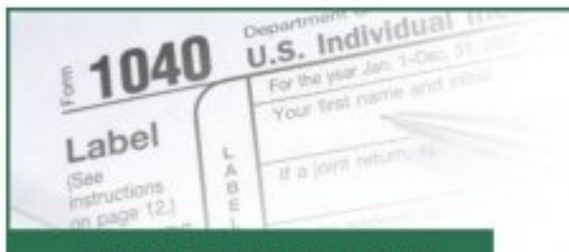

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TRUMP LESS LIKELY TO SIT FOR MUELLER INTERVIEW

1 The prospect of an interview of President Donald Trump by special counsel Robert Mueller has been derailed by the recent FBI raids on Trump's personal lawyer, according to two people familiar with the matter. Trump's anger over the warrants to search the home and office of lawyer Michael Cohen has made the interview far less likely, one of the people said on Thursday. That outlook somewhat contradicted Trump's Twitter message on Thursday morning that he backed a "cooperative" approach to Mueller's investigation of possible collusion between Moscow and Trump's campaign. "I have agreed with the historically cooperative, disciplined approach that we have engaged in with Robert Mueller," Trump said on Twitter. A third source familiar with the matter said the relationship with Mueller remains strong and constructive discussions are expected to recommence. Russia denies U.S. intelligence agency's findings that it interfered in the campaign to tilt the vote in Trump's favor. Trump has denied any collusion and has attacked Mueller's investigation as a "witch hunt." Trump's irritation erupted this week after the FBI raids targeting Cohen, which followed a referral by Mueller.

AFTER THREATS, WHITE HOUSE DISCUSSES SYRIA

2 President Donald Trump and his national security aides on Thursday discussed U.S. options on Syria, where he has threatened missile strikes in response to a suspected poison gas attack, as a Russian envoy voiced fears of wider conflict between Washington and Moscow. Worries about a confrontation between Russia and the West have been running high since Trump said on Wednesday that missiles "will be coming" in response to the attack in the Syrian town of Douma and lambasted Moscow for standing by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. Trump tempered those remarks on Thursday. "Never said when an attack on Syria would take place. Could be very soon or not so soon at all!" Trump wrote on Twitter. Trump met with his national security team on the situation, and "no final decision has been made," the White House said in a statement. "We are continuing to assess intelligence and are engaged in conversations with our partners and allies," the statement added. Trump spoke to British Prime Minister Theresa May on Thursday, and the two agreed "on the need to deter the further use of chemical weapons by the Assad regime," May's office said in a statement.

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3 Ross Haslam of England competes in the Men's 3m Springboard Diving Final on the eighth day of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games at Optus Aquatic Centre on April 12, 2018, on the Gold Coast, Australia.

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JANICE DICKINSON TELLS COSBY JURY SHE WAS RAPED

4 Former supermodel Janice Dickinson testified on Thursday that Bill Cosby drugged and raped her in 1982, a story similar to those of other alleged victims called as witnesses in the comedian's sexual assault retrial. "I wanted to hit him, wanted to punch him in the face," said Dickinson, a highly successful model in the 1970s and 1980s. "I felt anger, was humiliated, disgusted, ashamed." Cosby, who played the loveable patriarch on "The Cosby Show," is on trial in Pennsylvania for a second time on accusations of drugging and sexually assaulting former friend and colleague Andrea Constand, 45, in 2004. Dickinson was the fourth of five accusers permitted by Montgomery County Judge Steven O'Neill to tell their stories to the jury in the suburban Philadelphia courtroom. Describing a scenario similar to three previous accusers, Dickinson said Cosby gave her a little blue pill, which she swallowed. "I was really light-headed," she said, claiming that he then climbed on top of her. "I remember his breath, the taste of his kiss, cigars and espresso. Here was America's Dad on top of me, a happily married man with five kids, and how very, very wrong it was," Dickinson said.

INITIATIVE TARGETS SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN HOUSING

5 The Trump administration launched an initiative on Thursday to crack down on sexual harassment of women by landlords and encourage victims to come forward for help from the Justice Department and Department of Housing and Urban Development. The two departments will create a task force to combat sexual harassment in housing and pursue a public awareness campaign to convince victims to report abuses with the backing of the government. This comes as the #MeToo global movement to stop sexual harassment continues to gain momentum. "We've seen many cases, especially in public housing, where a landlord will exploit vulnerable women and threaten them with eviction unless they provide sexual favors," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said at an event kicking off the initiative. "We are not going to tolerate that." The initiative coincides with the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the landmark Fair Housing Act that banned housing discrimination based on sex, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion or disability. The initiative aims at protecting women from harassment by landlords, property managers, workers, guards and representatives of property owners.

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Sword-wielding Lancaster City man sentenced for 'torture killings' of disabled brothers

Two consecutive life terms for 19-year-old who pleaded guilty to murders committed during botched home robbery.

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A 19-year-old Lancaster City man got two consecutive life sentences after pleading guilty to what prosecutors called the "torture killings" of two disabled brothers who lived together, one of whom he killed with a sword, and who were each stabbed multiple times.

Juan Cristo-Munoz Jr., 19, reportedly said, "Nah," when asked if he any comments for the families of victims Richard Walton and Leroy Kinsey before the sentence was handed down this week, according to the Lancaster County district attorney's office. Asked by the court if the grisly details of the double murder were true, he reportedly only answered, "Yep."

Both brothers relied on wheelchairs to get around and lived in a home on the 600 block of Poplar Street in Lancaster City. Kinsey, 61, had recently suffered a stroke, while Walton, 62, had a prosthetic leg, according to LancasterOnline.com.

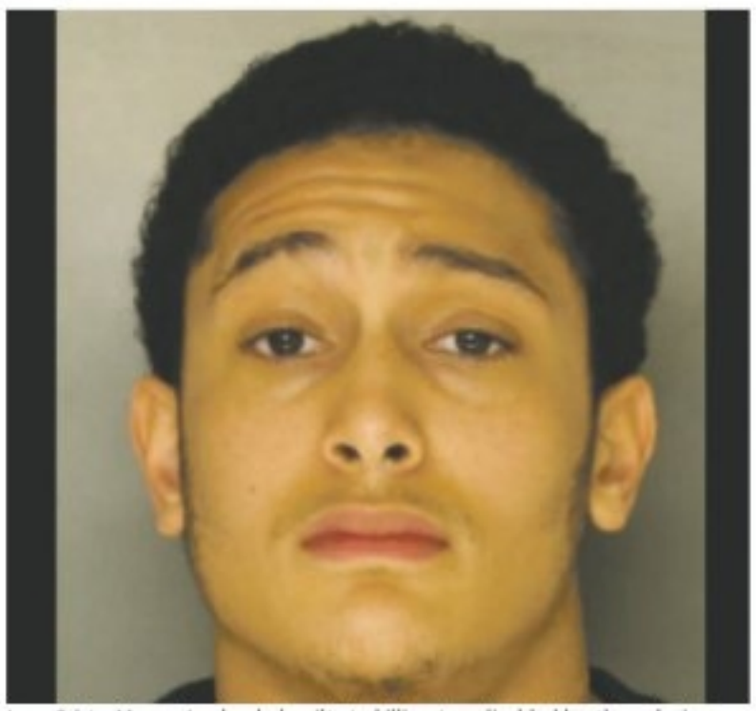
Kinsey was stabbed 10 times, and Walton was stabbed 54 times, prosecutors said. Cristo-Munoz used a sword during the killing of Walton, they said. The nature of the fatal attack and number of stabs prolonged the victims' deaths, which led prosecutors to describe the killings as torture, they said.

"It is truly a heinous crime," Alan Walton, son of one of the victims, said in court, according to the Lancaster DA's office. "I don't understand why someone would willingly do it, especially to two people who were obviously disabled and would have extreme trouble defending themselves."

According to the DA's office, Lancaster County Judge David Ashworth said before issuing the sentence that he was "at a loss for words at how one human being could do this to another."

"It is truly a heinous crime."
Alan Walton

The murders were originally described as a botched home invasion/robbery. Cristo-Munoz and his co-defendant, Joshua Proper, 19, who is still facing similar charges, forced their way into the disabled brothers' home and demanded money from them before stabbing them both to death. A caretaker who was also inside the home at the time called 911. Kinsey was found dead in the living room with multiple stab wounds to the chest. Police responding to the scene found Walton dead in an upstairs bedroom, with stab wounds in the torso and leg from a "large sword." They also found Cristo-Munoz and Proper hiding in the basement, covered in blood and carrying multiple knives, and arrested them.



Juan Cristo-Munoz Jr. pleaded guilty to killing two disabled brothers during a botched home invasion/robbery in Lancaster City and got two life sentences back to back. COURTESY OF LANCASTER COUNTY DA'S OFFICE

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Research lighting the way for PTSD recovery

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If you're one of the nearly eight million Americans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), you're likely all too familiar with the ways it impacts everyday life. Anyone who's lived through a traumatic event—from war to sexual assault; a car crash or a disaster—can fall victim to PTSD. The symptoms, which typically include reliving the event through flashbacks and painful memories, are debilitating. This often leads to a constant state of fear and unease, making it almost impossible to live your best life.

While psychotherapy can be an effective go-to treatment, groundbreaking new research looks to be a ray of hope for long-term recovery. This means clinical trials could be the pathway to novel breakthroughs and game-changing treatment options. For example, researchers at the University of California, San Diego recently found potential physical signs of PTSD in the brain. Meanwhile, a team from Stanford Medicine is using brain scans to predict which patients will be more receptive to a commonly used form of psychotherapy.

"It is very encouraging that PTSD is starting to get the attention it deserves, providing hope for people who had previously had only limited options for treatment and often unsatisfactory results," says Dr. Howard Hassman.

Clinical trial participants, without whom this kind of research wouldn't exist, are a key piece of the puzzle. They're the ones who help doctors and pharmaceutical companies carry out the steps needed to bring new treatments to life.

The Hassman Research Institute (HRI) team is doing just that at. Located just 20 minutes away from Philadelphia in Berlin, NJ, this forward-thinking group was built on its dedication to improving the quality of life. They're also at the forefront of innovative new PTSD research. What's more, HRI's skilled and compassionate staff truly care about each and every patient.

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This, in turn, can have a ripple effect that benefits future patients.

"Medical advancement cannot proceed without the selfless and critical involvement of study participants," says Dr. Hassman. "The hope is that the work they put in today will lead to future treatments not only for themselves, but also many thousands of people they may never meet."

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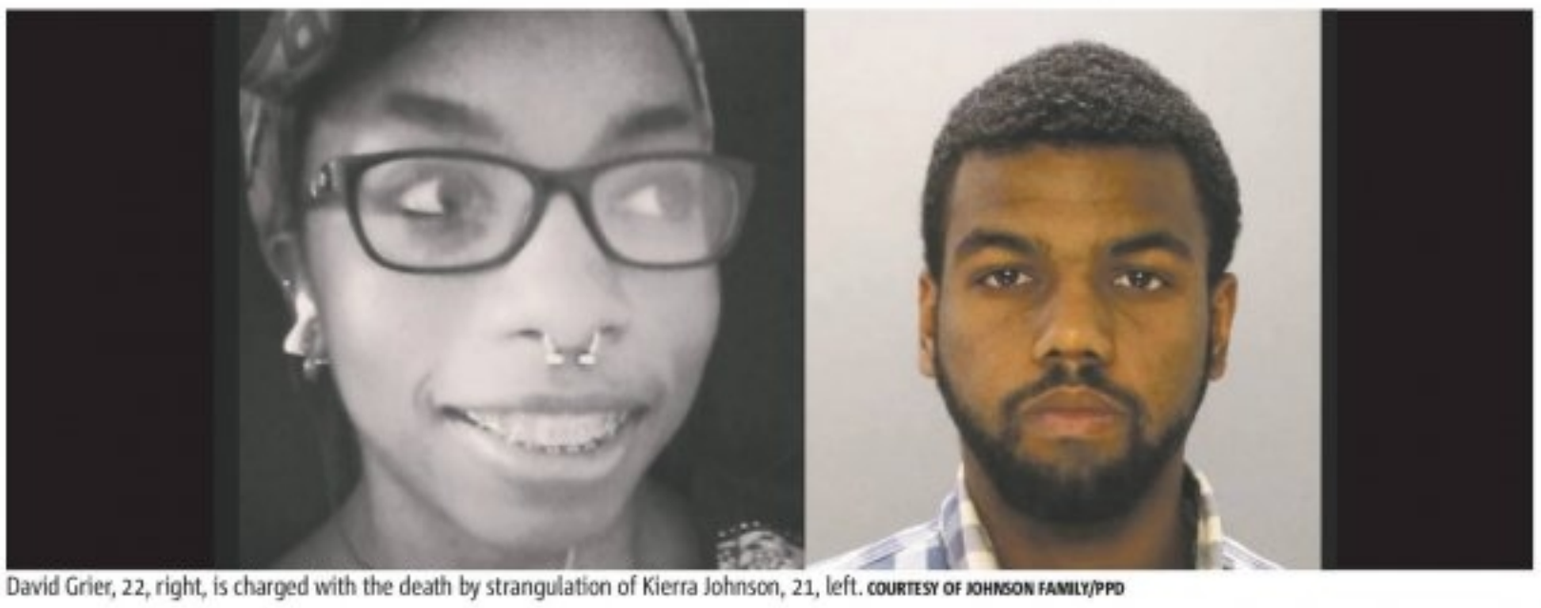

David Grier, 22, right, is charged with the death by strangulation of Kierra Johnson, 21, left. COURTESY OF JOHNSON FAMILY/PPD

Paroled man arrested in art student's murder

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David Grier was on parole for attempted murder in California at the time he allegedly killed Kierra Johnson, police say.

Police announced Thursday the arrest of a man charged with strangling a young Philly art student to death late last year and leaving her body in Cobbs Creek.

Cops say David Grier, 22, murdered Kierra Thompson, 21, in a crime described as "sexual" in nature. No further details were released.

Philadelphia police said Grier and Thompson were acquaintances, but offered no further information about the sequence of events that led to Thompson being found strangled to death and dumped in the water of Cobbs Creek off of Spruce Street in West Philadelphia on Nov. 3. A passerby spotted Thompson's body and alerted police. She had been reported missing by her mother a day earlier.

Grier, of the 400 block of Edgemore Street, had reportedly been arrested in 2016 on attempted murder charges in California and was on parole when he came to Philadelphia, according to police, although details were not immediately available about his arrest in California.

Now Grier, who was arrested April 11, is charged with murder, robbery and related charges, police said.

Thompson, of the 7800 block of Elmwood Avenue in Southwest Philly, was studying visual communications at the Hussian School of Art in Center City, but also had a deep interest in nature conservation.

"Being an inner city kid, art is what kept me on the right track since I felt I didn't have much access to nature, but my environment has always fueled my illustrations, which center around topics of race, body image, class and feminism," Thompson wrote in a 2015 blog post for a National Parks Service internship she was participating in. "Being an artist and growing up in a lower-class home with a single parent, I have learned to use the resources I have to create bigger and better things, and so I do not feel the need to separate my passion for art and my passion for conservation. Rather, I wish to integrate the two things if there is any way possible, as I feel it is a necessity to preserve the arts, history and nature for future generations to come, because all three of these things have played a huge role in forming the person I am today and have done the same for many others."

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World-traveling monk brings message of 'sustainable happiness'

Devamrita Swami has traveled the world for nearly four decades applying teachings of ancient yoga texts to contemporary problems.

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A world-traveling monk in the Krishna bhakti tradition is in Philadelphia this week to deliver his spiritual philosophy of happiness, which he described as "how to be happy in a way that doesn't exploit other people, future generations, the environment or other species."

Devamrita Swami, 67, said that, between travels, he primarily resides in New Zealand and at the 350-acre Gita Nagari eco-farm in Port Royal, Pennsylvania, one of the country's only cruelty-free dairy farms. But this April, he has been touring Philly universities and will speak at the Mantra Lounge and Meditation Center in Fishtown on themes like "spiritualizing the economy" and attaining what he calls "sustainable happiness." But while he is affiliated with the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, known colloquially as the Hare Krishna movement, and often quotes the Bhagavad Gita, Devamrita Swami's teachings tie in to environmental issues that are increasingly striking a chord among younger Americans.

"Our pursuit for happiness is causing enormous damage, and we rarely take the time to become happiness-literate, in terms of understanding the impact our pursuit of happiness is causing on nature, on other human beings, on other species and ourselves," the swami told Metro. "I'd like to go deeper, in terms of helping people understand their happiness footprint."

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But is general unhappiness really a rising problem? Devamrita Swami says yes, pointing to American Psychological Association reports that say data suggests "the nation is on the verge of a stress-induced public health crisis." Meanwhile, The New York Times recently reported that one in four Yale University undergrads (about 1,300 students) enrolled in a course about attaining happiness, while roughly half the undergrads will at some point seek mental health counseling.

"I began to think, 'If this is going on at the [elite] level, what about down on the street?'" said Devamrita Swami, a Yale graduate who was born in New York City and lived for a period in West Philadelphia while attending Central High School. "I sense what's going on in terms of the stress and anxieties people are feeling, which is pushing them deeper into bodily identification. You can call it identity politics, or tribalism, but the unhappiness and the stress is pushing them to take more shelter in what the yoga texts call an illusion."

Devamrita Swami's teachings are spiritual and urge students toward finding "non-material happiness" in a relationship with "supreme consciousness," and he said they apply to people of any faith or creed.

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Students took part in a "black light test" and examined how dirty their hands were under a black light. KAIT MOORE

On Thursday, pre-kindergarten students at FitzPatrick School showed off their hand-washing skills with officials from the School District of Philadelphia. This was the final phase of a pilot hygiene education program run by Essity, a hygiene and health company.

The program started in January and has educated 200 pre-k students at both FitzPatrick and Pratt schools on how to properly wash their hands.

Students first took part in a "black light test" and examined how dirty their hands were under a black light. Then they washed their hands with soap and water, using the techniques they had learned over the past few months. Afterward, students examined their hands again under the black light to see how clean their hands were.

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A new program, began in January, educates pre-K students about how to properly wash their hands. ALL PHOTOS KAIT MOORE

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Damon Menapace

Chef Damon Menapace of Le Virtu and Brigantessa tells us where to eat in Philadelphia. PROVIDED

Find out where to get the best tacos in the Italian Market.

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If you're a fan of East Passyunk gems Le Virtù and Brigantessa, you're already familiar with chef Damon Menapace's work, who accepted the position of executive chef at both restaurants earlier this year.

The 31-year-old Kimberton native has spent the last 11 years in Philly, working at some of the city's top kitchens, like Kensington Quarters and Alla Spina.

"I love the food industry because it's never-ending and always evolving," he says. "There's always more to learn and new things to try. Food and dining bring people together and comfort people. I also enjoy the hands-on, fast-paced environment."

In his spare time, he enjoys hanging out with his wife and cats and outdoor activities like biking, hiking and camping.

When it comes to dining out in Philly, Menapace gives us the lowdown on his favorite pho in the city, an under-the-radar taco spot in the Italian Market and where to nosh on soup dumplings.

Best late-night meal?

Fountain Porter *(1601 S. 10th St.)*. It's in my neighborhood, open late and has a great beer selection. I love the $5 burger with fries.

Best meal under $10?

Ph 75 *(1122 Washington Ave.)* serves my favorite ph in the city. Get the fatty brisket and flank ph .

Best hidden gem?

Blue Corn *(940 S. 9th St.)*. Their tacos are always on point, with friendly service. They're even open for lunch. Try the pastor tacos.

Best place to dine alone?

ITV *(1615 E. Passyunk Ave.)*. Their friendly service complements their great happy hour, which also includes really good food. If you're there at happy hour, get the beef tartare.

Place you always recommend or take out-of-towners?

Zahav *(237 St. James Place)*. It's all-around one of the best restaurants in Philly, always delicious, and well worth the wait for a seat at the bar. Get the Turkish hummus.

Go-to date spot?

Bistrot la Minette *(623 S. 6th St.)*. It's a beautiful space with big red velvet banquettes, serving classic French food and French wines. Try the *mille feuille aux framboise* for dessert.

Best place to catch up with friends?

Bing Bing Dim Sum *(1648 East Passyunk Ave.)*. Who doesn't love soup dumplings? It's cheap, loud and fun. Try the roast pork bao.

Most Instagrammable restaurant?

Townsend *(1623 E. Passyunk Ave.)*. In addition to great service, they serve beautiful food. The team is always friendly, and besides their amazing cocktails, I always run into friends and peers hanging out there. Get the escargot.

One of Menapace's favorite dishes at Bistrot La Minette is the *mille feuille aux framboise*. PEGGY BAUD-WOOLSEY

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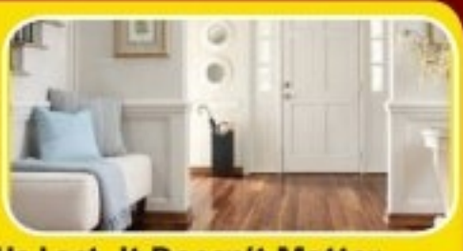

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5 Things you can't miss at Sakura Sunday

And learn what "ohanami" means.

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The 2018 Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival of Philadelphia kicked off last week and culminates with Sakura Sunday this weekend. It's the main event of the festival and celebrates Japanese cultural from all angles, from food and drink to music and dance. Presented by the Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia, festivities run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Here are five things you can't miss at Sakura Sunday 2018.

Sake Garden
A new addition to the festival this year is the Sake Garden, presented by the people who bring you Parks on Tap. It's described as a beer garden with Asian fusion eats, beer and sake-infused cocktails. We're pretty excited about the plum sake mule ($9) and the Sir Charles cherry cider ($7) on the menu.

Ohanami
In Japan, picnicking under the cherry trees actually has its own word: ohanami and picnic goers enjoy food like onigiri (a ball of rice wrapped in seaweed paper that's a popular finger food), takeout sushi and bento boxes.

Live Music
If you're a music fan and eager to expand your listening to international sounds, taiko drummers and dancers from Tamagawa University will be headlining on the main stage. There will also be The Molice, a Japanese pop act that's inspired by new wave, power pop and 90's indie rock. You also can't miss KuroPOP perform, an all-female cover band from New York City.

Little Akiba Anime & Cosplay Area
If you're a comic con kind of person, you definitely need to check out Little Akiba, which is the epicenter for everything pop culture in Japan. There will be a fashion show, live music and karaoke going on the whole time with a DJ. People who enjoy cosplay are encouraged to dress up as their favorite anime characters.

Prettiest Pet in Pink Parade
National Pet Day was only a few days ago, but your furry friend can bask in the spotlight once again at the Prettiest Pet in Pink Parade. Be sure to keep him or her on a leash, though. Don't have an adorable pet to dress up in pink? Simply go to watch, and combat the Sunday scaries by getting lost in cuteness.

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Molly Parker plays the hero in the new 'Lost in Space'

Just a boy and his robot on an intergalactic adventure. NETFLIX

"Lost in Space" is back — and a whole lot darker than its original variation. The Netflix reboot, out Friday, April 13, is sleeker, more modern and boasts a diverse cast.

Another major update? Maureen Robinson is very much a hero in her own right. As played by actress Molly Parker — who you may remember from "Deadwood" and "House of Cards" — she's the matriarch that can do it all. And does.

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She's very much the leader of this brood, and women are very much front and center in the reboot, too.

What drew you to this role?

I've done virtually no sci-fi at all. And I hadn't seen the original, although I had a sense of it in pop culture. I knew there was a robot and guys in suits. When Netflix first approached me about it, it didn't sound like really something that I wanted to do, but it's really good. It gets into the action right away, there's all kinds of danger, and I believed [in] these people.

In some ways I find it just appalling that we need to keep having this conversation about being conscious of how we represent women. I pray that in 30 years we don't still need to be having this conversation. It's past time.

One of the things I really love about the show is that nobody ever talks about it — it's not a thing. There's no struggle around it, around equality. And I think a lot of kids can relate to having a blended family or parents that're separated or divorced. That's normal for a lot of people these days.

It seems like you're definitely attracted to complex characters.

I try to bring some complexity to all the roles I play because we're complex! I'm not very interested in playing people who aren't. I want people to care about this family — otherwise it's just a lot of great special effects.

RACHAEL VAUGHAN CLEMMONS

Review

Nobody was asking for a "Lost in Space" reboot, and yet here we are. The newfangled intergalactic family drama is darker, but still never manages to be weighty enough, instead choosing to serve up new problems for our protagonists after barely solving another. At least Netflix has refinished the series so that it's up to 2018 standards, with a blended family with a familiar dynamic, and swapping out the bumbling Dr. Smith with a shady Parker Posey — you never quite know what she's up to, which is a welcome change.

Overall the series isn't bad, exactly. It's just fine. Fortunately, "fine" translates to "good enough to binge while completing a variety of tasks." RVC

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Naomie Harris on The Rock in 'Rampage'

The Academy Award nominee also wants you to know just how hard it was to shoot the blockbuster.

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After her Oscar nominated turn in "Moonlight," Naomie Harris was looking to do something completely different.

In the shape of "Rampage," and a giant gorilla, lizard and wolf rampaging across America, Harris found

From thoughtful drama to thought-free fun.

the complete other end of the cinematic spectrum to bask in, which is exactly why she couldn't say no to it.

What first attracted you to "Rampage"?
I was approached by producer Beau Flynn, who I had worked with on "After the Sunset," which was the first big Hollywood film I had ever done. I just loved that it was a fun, light-hearted adventure movie, which was totally different from anything I had done in quite a while.

What made the role stand out?
I do get sent quite a few action-movie roles. But what I loved about the character was that she had a strong backstory. And that she actually propels the movie forward. She's not a damsel in distress that gets dragged along. She actually leads it at points.

I mean this in the best way, but it is a film where you can't believe what you're watching.
I love those films! I generally prefer to do heavier, darker movies, because they're cathartic. But when I'm actually watching a movie I love the light hearted stuff.

What was the biggest lesson you took from working with Dwayne Johnson?
The way he understands his fans in such depth. And what they want. And what they need from a movie. I have never know anyone to be so in tune with what his fans want. And then so intent on delivering that. You really see how important his fans are when he comes off set after 15 hours and he's always ready to sign photos and pose. It is so impressive. He really, really cares about his audience. And he takes his time to understand them.

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Flyers need to improve everywhere to win Game 2

The Flyers will need to be a completely different team if they hope to beat the Penguins.

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Breathe in, and then exhale.

Repeat.

Everything is going to be alright.

We think.

Yes, we know the Flyers were single-handily obliterated by the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday in the opening game of Stanley Cup Playoffs. And yes, we know Sidney Crosby notched a hat trick and his team scored a touchdown *and* kicked the extra point in their 7-0 victory.

However, it is only one game. With a win in Game 2 on Friday, the Flyers can tie the series – and even steal home-ice advantage in the process.

Sure, it may seem like there's a better chance of Crosby getting lost on his drive to PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh than the Flyers returning to Philly with a victory, but the scenario is not as far-fetched as you may believe.

The Flyers just need to improve in some – OK, tons – of areas. Here are a few of them.

The Flyers' crucial Game 2 Friday gives them a chance to get back in the series after Wednesday's embarrassment. GETTY IMAGES

Better start

This is the understatement of the year, right? The Flyers allowed two goals in the first 10 minutes and certainly looked like a team that was not ready for primetime. From the opening faceoff, they need to tighten up defensively, stop turning the puck over at the blue line or in their own zone and get a couple big stops by their goalie. Which leads us to …

Better goaltending

Brian Elliott has been pretty dependable all year, but he hasn't looked like himself in three starts since returning from a core muscle injury that sidelined the goalie for nearly two months. He either returned too soon or is struggling to shed the rust because he has been severely exposed. Elliott, or backup Petr Mrazek, who relieved Elliott in the second period, needs to make some timely stops.

Better play from their superstars

Remember that guy who cracked the century mark for points in a season and will receive serious consideration for MVP this year? The Flyers need him, and badly. Claude Giroux was an uncharacteristic minus-4 and played one of his worst games of the season. Expect a rebound game from the captain, who wasn't the only culprit as Sean Couturier (-4) and Shayne Gostisbehere (-4) played just as poorly.

Better power play

Not only did the Flyers go 0-for-4 with the man-advantage, it didn't even look like they were the ones with the extra player on the ice most of the time. They need more, and more accurate, puck movement, shots to reach the net and create extra traffic in front of goalie Matt Murray.

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No. 1 pick Fultz has become very important part of 3-seeded Sixers

Markelle Fultz has, relatively quickly, shown Sixers fans how well he can play.

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There had to be multiple stretches this season when every Sixers fan wondered if they would ever see Markelle Fultz play meaningful minutes.

Even the most seasoned Sixers fan had to believe that wouldn't occur until next season at the earliest.

The development of Fultz got lost a bit in the Sixers' remarkable 16-game winning streak to finish 52-30 with the No. 3 playoff seed in the Eastern Conference. The No. 1 overall pick from the University of Washington played in the first four games then missed the next 68 games due to shoulder issues. It turned into such a soap opera because it was unclear what exactly was wrong with the 19-year-old point guard.

In their 130-95 win over the Milwaukee Bucks Wednesday night at the Wells Fargo Center, Fultz recorded the first triple-double of his career with 13 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. He became the youngest player in the NBA to register a triple-double after the Los Angeles Lakers' 20-year-old Lonzo Ball accomplished the feat this season.

Fultz has performed admirably in each of the last 10 games, but this performance was special. It was certainly unlikely while he was sidelined for 68 games. What a spark Fultz has provided as the Sixers surge into the post-season.

After a wild journey, Markelle Fultz is sort of back where he belongs. GETTY IMAGES

Fultz's teammates celebrated with him on the court.

"I mean, if you said what's the most impressive thing of the night, that's mine," Sixers head coach Brett Brown said of Fultz's triple-double. "When you get into the coaching rhythm you're not really aware of statistics, and I wasn't aware that he was that close to a triple-double. To see his teammates react to Markelle Fultz was special. I think it's a snapshot into who these guys are.

"I think it's a real-time example of how you've heard me say they play together, they co-exist, we pass the ball and this and that," Brown added. "That's real. It doesn't require a coach throwing out some math, there's a human side to that action that you just described that is special."

Sixers fans had to become skeptical of Fultz's return. When Fultz finally suited up, the fan base gave him a standing ovation. The cheers haven't stopped since.

"It's unbelievable, that's the support I've been getting all year, going through what I've been through, they've been like that the whole year," Fultz said. "They've just been there for me and have boosted my confidence, that why I love them."

Fultz was the No. 1 overall pick for a variety of reasons, and they were all on display against the Bucks. For the first time, he really started to look like the player he was at Washington.

"I've always believed in myself, I've always known what I was capable of," Fultz said. "It was just a matter of going out there enjoying myself and playing confidently."

The playoffs begin this weekend. And the Sixers might have found a key contributor sooner than they expected. What a feel-good story.

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Embiid still could play in Game 1

It's hard to deny that part of Joel Embiid — though he certainly suffered through a concussion and eye-socket surgery a few weeks ago after a collision with teammate Markelle Fultz — is relishing the opportunity to adorn a mask to kick off the 2018 playoffs.

There's nothing more Embiid than his new mask.

There's also, unfortunately, nothing more Embiid than a hazy injury status.

Let us be clear — Embiid will play in the playoffs. He's already been lightly practicing and was seen shooting around prior to the Sixers' 16th straight win against the Bucks to end the regular season Thursday night. The question is, will he be starting against the Heat in Game 1, Saturday night in South Philly?

"I want to play but right now I feel like I'm not ready yet," Embiid said. "It's getting there. I've got to keep working every day. With the way it's been progressing, I'm hopeful I'll be back soon."

Game 1 between the Sixers and Heat tips off at 8 p.m. Saturday. GETTY IMAGES

Head coach Brett Brown echoed the sentiment, saying "I do feel confident to tell you and the public that Game 1 is highly unlikely."

But gamesmanship is part of the NBA. And if muddying the waters before clearing Embiid to play in Game 1 helps the Sixers get even a slight edge, Brown is sayng exactly the right thing.

One thing is clear, though: The Miami series could be a great one. The matchup is one of the better first round draws in the NBA, as the surging Heat and streaking Sixers are two of the NBA's hottest teams. And there's sure to be plenty of trash talk to boot — thanks to Embiid's trolling and trash-talking Heat big man Hassan Whiteside earlier this season.

"I don't know if he's playing or not," Whiteside said. "I don't know what they're saying, or if he's not playing one game, two games, three games ..."

Whiteside no doubt hopes the Sixers' All-Star center takes his time to return. It's perfectly Wright. EVAN MACY

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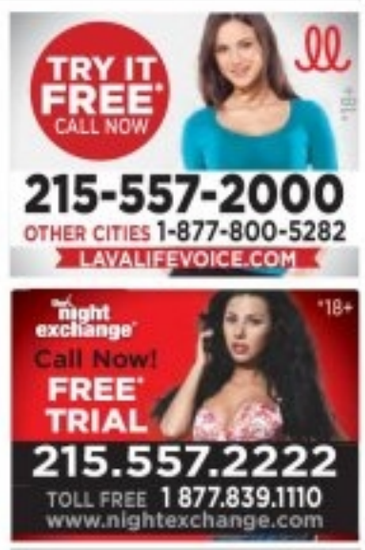

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ACROSS
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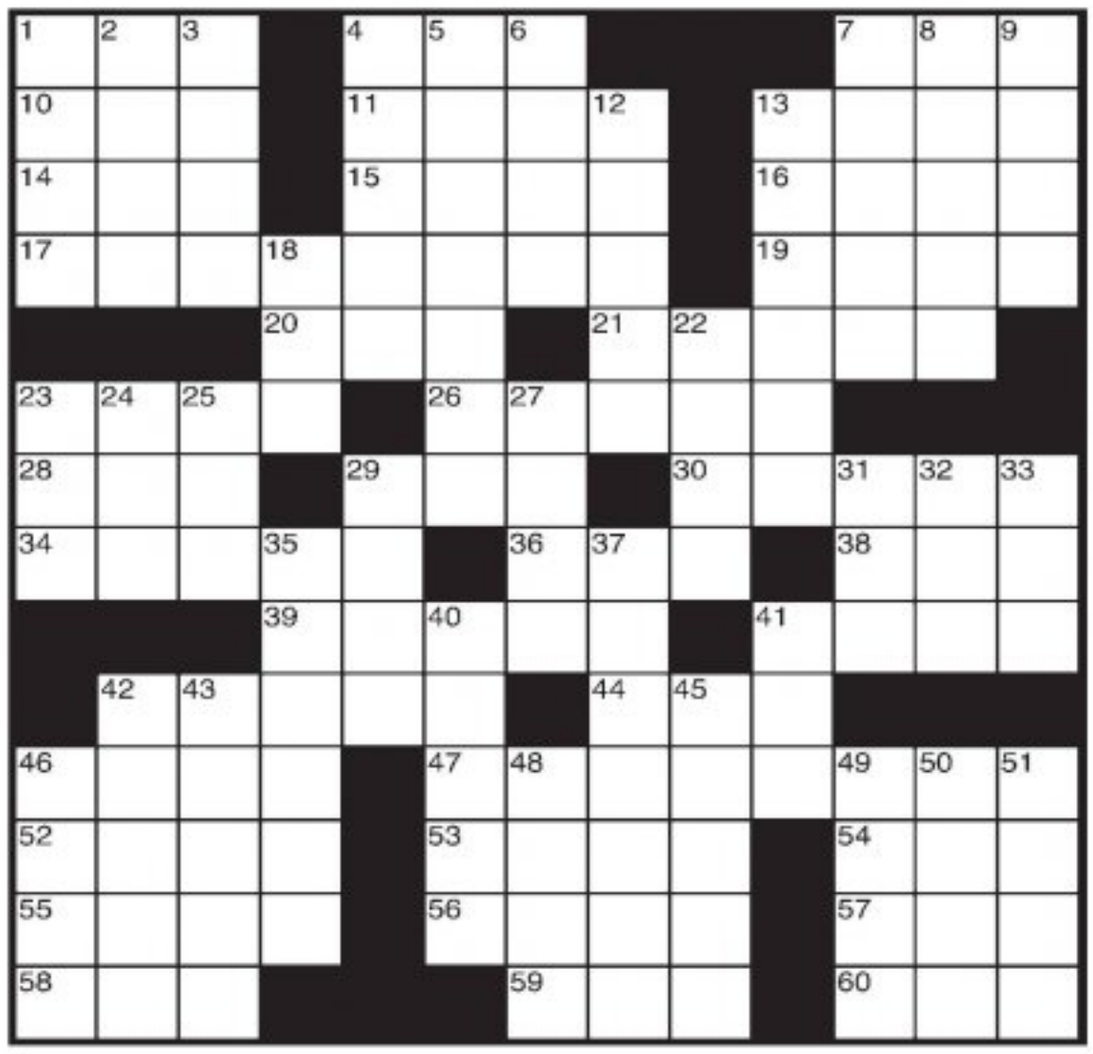
4 Take down a --
7 Suffers from
10 Thole filler
11 Green egg layers
13 Hunter's garb
14 Period
15 Give a darn
16 Like the Kalahari
17 Eardrum
19 Links org.
20 Santa -- winds
21 Ice hut
23 Mineral supplement
26 Physicist Nikola --
28 Hamlet's oath
29 Kind of toothpaste
30 English racetrack
34 More ticked off
36 Assist
38 Mystery craft
39 Satyr cousins
41 Pierre's noggin
42 Breathes hard
44 Hosp. staffer
46 Family man
47 Cheers up
52 Fuel cartel
53 Coastal flier
54 Crash
55 Chromosome unit
56 Took the bus
57 PFC mail drop
58 California fort
59 ID of a sort
60 The "it" game

DOWN
1 Blake or Burns
2 Fluctuate
3 Overstuff
4 Dixie export
5 Flow out
6 Meditation guide
7 Zeppo's brother
8 Baja buddy
9 Malt-shop order
12 Truck stop sight
13 Diva Maria --
18 Prospect for gold
22 Tall flower
23 Preconditions
24 2016 Olympics city
25 Above, to Tennyson
27 Verve
29 Tennis great Steffi
31 Prompt
32 Again and again
33 Kind of hold
35 Blot out
37 Boulevard dividers
40 Flashlight carrier
41 Cable channel
42 Origami need
43 Capsize
45 Groom carefully
46 Comic strip possum
48 Psyche's suitor
49 QED part
50 Vine valley
51 Dirty air



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Aries Take care of your responsibilities without complaining. Structure and discipline will help you create a stable environment that will encourage you to excel.

Taurus Socialize with peers, reconnect with old friends, or take up an hobby that will stimulate your imagination. An opportunity to make new friends should not be ignored.

Gemini A proposal should be looked at carefully. Make sure you fully understand what's expected of you before you sign up for something that may restrict your progress.

Cancer If you put everything you've got into a task or project you take on, your effort will not be ignored. Expand your friendships and interests. A partnership is in the stars.

Leo Learn from an expert. How you go about your business and relate and react to others will be the deciding factor when it comes to getting ahead or being given a unique opportunity.

Virgo An open discussion with a friend or relative will help resolve an issue you've been struggling with for some time. If someone is being excessive, an intervention will help.

Libra Look over your personal papers, pending settlements that interfere with physical activities you enjoy. Taking care of personal business will make you feel better about the future.

Scorpio A chance to spend more time with a loved one is encouraged. Take a short trip, engage in unusual activities and expand and explore your creative ideas and talents.

Sagittarius Open your doors and host a get-together. Sharing your ideas is fine, but the information you gather will put you in a better position when it comes time to make a decision.

Capricorn Share your feelings and discuss plans to make your home a place of comfort. Love and romance should be high on your list, along with self-improvement projects.

Aquarius Helping others can be fun, until someone takes advantage of you. Only offer what's warranted, and make suggestions to people who could put them to good use.

Pisces If you use your charm, good things will come to you. Reconnecting with an old crush will give you a different perspective on the past, present and future. EUGENIA LAST

Yesterday's answers

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